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Ref: Government Memorandum No. S/2457-1/48 Public (Secret) dated 9th June 1948.

O R D E R:

With the breakdown in negotiations with Hyderabad State, the Government apprehend a large scale exodus of non-muslims from Hyderabad State into the neighbouring districts of this Province. The Government consider that adequate arrangements for their reception as well as for their temporary care and shelter should be made. Instructions have been issued already to the Collectors concerned in the memorandum read above in regard to the relief and other measures to be adopted before and after the arrival of the refugees. The following further instructions are now issued:--

1. RELIEF CAMPS: Immediate steps should be taken to open refugee relief camps wherever necessary in accordance with the instructions issued in the momorandum read above.

2. FOOD: As regards food it has been decided that the same arrangements as for refugees from Pakistan accommodated in refugee camps in this Province should be followed in the case of Hyderabd refugees also. The following is the scale of food allowed to the Pakistan Refugees:--

1. Wheat atta (containing an admixture of 10% of barley) or rice.	12	ozs.
2. Unparched grain.	2	"
3. Dal	1	"
4. Vegetable	1	"
5. Vegetable ghree or oil	½	"
6. Salt and condiments.	½	"
7. Gur or sugar.	1	" gur
	or ½	" sugar.
8. Milk per day for children below 12 years and for nursing and expectant mothers.	1	lb.

In addition, the following articles are also allowed:---

Charcoal.	¼ seer per head per day.
Soap	3 Ozs. a month for adults and 1½ Ozs for children eblow 12 years.
Matches.	One match box (50 sticks) per family consisting of not more than 2 members for a fortnight and onebox for families consisting of more than 2 members per week.

Half the quantity of atta or rice, maize or gram atta and parched gram is allowed to children under 12 years. With a view to avoid certain difficulties that may arise in distributing these rations according to the prescribed weights and in maintaining accounts therefore for purposes of audit, cash allowance equal to the cost of these articles is being paid.

In Madras, the present rates of allowances paid to refugees from Pakistan according to the prevailing market prices of these articles except matches are:- -

Rs. 4-8-0 (Rupees four and annas eight only) per adult per week.
Rs. 4-7-0 (Rupees four and annas seven only) per child below 12 years, per week.

In accordance with the decision of Government mentioned above, the rates of allowance to be paid to the refugees from Hyderabd on the above basis should be worked out according to the prevailing local market prices and submitted to Government for approval.

The Hyderabd refugees will also be eligible to the following allowance for matches:--

Six pies per week for a family consisting of more than 2 members and three pies per week for a family consisting of not more than 2 members.

The Collectors of the districts concerned should see that foodgrains and other necessary articles are made available at the refugee camps through Co-operative Societies or through selected reliable merchants.

(3) Clothing: Clothes should be distributed free of cost at the following scale:--

Men:- One dhoty, one short and one upper cloth per head.

Women: One saree and cloth for one blouse per head.

The Collectors concerned will make the pruchases of clothing in suitable lengths and widths.

(4) Employments: The able-bodies refugees may be employed on useful irrigation and road works and failing that, on less important works included in the famine relief programme of the district.

2. The expenditure should be dibited to "57. Miscellaneous-hh. Expenditure on refugees- B. Madrasi refugees from Hyderabad State".

3. As the demands for expenditure will be heavy hereafter on account of the apprehended large scale exodus of refugees, the Collectors of the districts concerned are requested to submit immediately revised estimates of expenditure mfr for 1948-49 on relief etc. to refugees from Hyderabad with reference to the scheme set out in para 1 above for allotment of funds for each district.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

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